

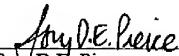
REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 16-30 are cancelled and claims 31-45 are added. Claims 31-45 are directed to the elected invention. Claim 2 is amended to correct punctuation. A paragraph in the specification has also been amended to properly refer to the type of drawing contained in Figure 5. No new matter is added by the present amendments. Accordingly, claims 1-15 and 31-45 are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the event that the examiner finds any impediment to the prompt allowance of any of these claims, which could be clarified in a telephone conference, the examiner is respectfully urged to initiate the same with the undersigned.

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